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Freeze salaries or fire staff—report

by Peter Findlay

The McGill Board of Governors' Budget Task Force has recommended that no further salary increases be given to staff for the 1981-82 year, despite the protests of McGill University Non-Academic Staff Association (MUNASA) representative Jim McVety.

In presenting its report to the Board last week, the task force outlined what it saw as the problem with paying salary increases on par with the rest of Quebec universities.

According to the rest of the report, "The indicated salary increases (in other Quebec universities) would have required the termination of substantial numbers of academic and non-academic staff, causing serious damage to the quality of teaching and research at McGill."

In order to avoid laying off a substantial number of McGill employees, the report claims that salary increases must be withheld.

According to McVety, also a member of the task force, salary increases should be paid regardless of the financial situation of the university.

McVety recommends that the Board of Governors not close the door on further salary increases, but that it allow the salary policy committees to continue their work before it makes a final decision.

In addition to the report McVety said, "Tough as our budget difficulties are, the fact remains that the other Quebec universities all face the same serious difficulties, and the majority have contracts binding them to pay the full common table increases."

"McGill's staff associations have shown a willingness to be flexible, and indeed I believe it... has permitted salary policy to be made at McGill which would be unheard of at the other Quebec universities with which we are considered to have 'parity.'"

In other Quebec universities, salary increases are tied to collective agreements negotiated in the unionized public sector, amounting to a total increase of 16.7 per cent this year.

With the small grant increases that have been given universities this year, however, the task force has indicated that salary increases will be impossible to meet without incurring "enormous deficits."

The provincial Ministry of Education has stated that it will place under trusteeship any Quebec university whose accumulated deficit exceeds five per cent of its operating revenue.

Also included in the task force report was the recommendation that professors without tenure not be renewed if budgetary restraints become too severe.

Hear Manley

Get yer ticket to hear ex-Jamaican PM, Michael Manley, speaking Friday noon in the Union ballroom.

The possibility of terminating tenured staff "for financial reasons or for reasons of academic quality" was also discussed in the report, but would require that the Board of Governors amend university employment regulations.

Other proposals included in the report were the development of a five-year plan for staffing levels, the review of the amount and allocation of overhead research contracts and an end to the subsidization of McGill's residences.

The possibility of closing departments which "do not meet quality standards" was also suggested in the report. The criteria on which judgments are to be made, however, was not included in the report.



A preview of your future? McGill denies that the government is planning tuition hikes, but the AUCC (of which McGill is a member) is calling for hikes, now.

McGill: Devoir wrong

by Wendy Jones

Administration officials have denied recent reports published in the commercial press that tuition will double at McGill next year.

The Saturday edition of *Le Devoir* reported that tuition at McGill, Concordia and Université de Montréal would double because the Quebec government plans to remove the current freeze on tuition fee increases. The article stated that Université would raise its tuition by 40 per cent.

According to Vice-Principal (Academic) Sam Freedman, the reports are unsubstantiated.

"We have checked with the Ministry of Education and found there is no substance to these reports," he said. Freedman added that the article in *Le Devoir* was apparently based on information contained in one of 20 different position papers prepared under the auspices of the Ministry of Education. The papers are to be presented at a series of workshops to be held in late November and early December on the subject of education cutbacks. Attending the workshops will be representatives of the universities, government officials and students.

Director of McGill's Public Relations Betsy Hirst emphasized that the newspaper reports were strictly hypotheses.

"The universities weren't even consulted," Hirst said. "That the Ministry (of Education) was even willing to increase fees came as quite a surprise after the campaign promises they made."

Hirst suggested that the Ministry of Education leaked the information to *Le Devoir* in an attempt to "test the water." She pointed out that the same writer, R. Morissette, was responsible for several stories last year on the proposed increase in differential tuition fees for foreign students before the government made any final decisions.

"He (Minister of Education Camille Laurin) is using Morissette to send up test balloons," she said.

Hirst also pointed out that the *Le Devoir* article incorrectly insinuated that universities benefited from the increase in foreign student fees. According to Hirst, for every extra dollar paid by foreign students, a dollar was subtracted from the provincial grants to the universities.

"That money went straight into the Quebec government coffers," she said.

Hirst admitted that Principal David Johnston has been lobbying on McGill's behalf to have the government allow tuition increases. She pointed out, however, that the school's position in this matter rested on two conditions. The first being that student financial assistance from the government be

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Tuition touted as budget deficit cure

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Hinting that "the time has come" for students to pay a greater share of the costs of their education, a committee of university presidents has called for increases in tuition at Canadian colleges and universities.

The recommendation was contained in a discussion paper, presented by a seven-member subcommittee of the Association of Universities and Colleges Canada to the AUCC conference in Winnipeg October 19.

The report said both increased tuition fees for students, and grants from private enterprise for "short-term" projects would reduce the funding burdens on governments.

If the relationship between "the core undertaking of universities and utilitarian enterprises" could be understood, say the administrators, "the private sector might be prepared to strengthen its support of Canadian universities." They said the "core undertaking" of universities is "the creation and

transmission of knowledge and skills across a broad spectrum of disciplines and professions."

Funding from the private sector for research projects should not "damage or displace" the main activities of the institutions, according to the presidents, but they said the universities have a responsibility to respond to the needs of government, business and industry.

The committee, chaired by University of Toronto president James Ham, said there is public support for post-secondary education, and "in all likelihood this would find expression in a willingness to pay higher tuition fees."

Ham told the *Globe and Mail* October 17 that tuition should cover up to 25 per cent of the total costs of education, saying that students themselves benefit directly from their education.

Ham's proposal would see tuition fees in some areas of

Canada double, according to Bruce Tate, research for the newly-formed Canadian Federation of Students.

"Universities are too dependent on government," said Ham later. "We have a real crisis of universities surviving (government underfunding) as high quality institutions."

Meanwhile, delegates at the founding conference of the Canadian Federation of Students, held in Ottawa October 14-19, condemned the discussion paper's tuition recommendations.

"Their report isn't surprising," said Barb Taylor, chairperson of the Ontario Federation of Students. "University administrations have traditionally supported tuition increases." She said she was surprised by the level of tuition Ham feels students should bear.

"You'll end up with a system of education that's less accessible and even more elitist."

No position on the question of tuition increases was adopted by the AUCC conference, but George Pederson, president of Simon Fraser University, said he thought students could afford to pay 20 per cent of university operating budgets through tuition fees. In most universities, tuition now finances about 10 to 15 per cent of operating costs.

"I think that there are students who can afford to pay (tuition fees) without subsidy, looking at the wages some students are earning in the summer," said Pederson. "I had a daughter who was making \$7.25 an hour for the telephone company, which is a very good wage. I also noticed walking through the parking lot that there are a lot of BMWs and Porsches, so it's not fair to say that some students would find it impossible to pay increased fees."

AUCC discussions resulted from the proposed cutbacks in post-secondary education funding, expected in the November federal budget.

Pokela snubs governors

by Nancy D. Kingsbury

Joseph Pokela, chairperson of the Pan Africanist Congress, refused to speak to the Board of Governor's Committee on Social Responsibility at its meeting Tuesday afternoon.

"Mr. Pokela feels that because the committee is a body of the Board of Governors, the group which decides University policy of investment in South Africa, he can not meet with them as such", said Bill Wicken, co-chairperson of the South Africa Committee.

Because of time limitations, Pokela chose to meet with students rather than with members of a BOG committee, since the former group has no vested interest in maintaining the apartheid system, as does the latter, Wicken said.

Robert McDougall, chairperson

of the Committee on Social Responsibility, said that he "appreciates (Pokela's) position, and would like to hear him speak", adding that he might attend Pokela's open address to students yesterday.

Hugh Hallward, committee member and Director of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, reacted to Pokela's absence by saying that he "would like to make it very clear that McGill University does not invest in South Africa as such."

"The university does, though, invest in corporations who invest in South Africa, but the university invest in corporations who invest in South Africa", Hallward said.

"This point must be made clear. It is like the difference between baseball and softball", he said.

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Leader of PAC wishes scorpions on multinationals

by Molra Ambrose and
Chris Cavanagh

"We (the Azanian people) are sure we are going to win and those companies that continue to invest will be visited by scorpions one night and when we are free we will chastise them," said Nyati Pokela, the chairman of the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) in a speech given yesterday at McGill.

The PAC is one of the United Nations-recognized liberation groups in South Africa. Pokela was responsible for the underground PAC conferences which decided that a peace settlement could only be achieved through armed struggle. He has been chairman of the PAC since the death of its founder Mangaliso Sobukwe in 1968.

"We are in Canada at the invitation of the students and we have come primarily to exchange views," Pokela said. "The world has become very small and one day you may find yourself in Azania."

Pokela was at McGill yesterday to talk to various interest groups on the present situation in South Africa and the role of the PAC in the struggle against minority rule.

"We cannot sell Azania to anyone. This law stands that land is inalienable; it cannot be bought or sold. Our primary objective is to

reclaim that land. This is precisely the purpose of the PAC."

Addressing the issue of colonialism, Pokela said, "The sun has set on the British Empire and new forces are at work, but Britain has left many ravages behind. It has left starvation and a people who have been dehumanized."

In 1910, the South Africa Act left the black majority with no say in the central government or

provincial councils. The Land Act of 1930 allotted 13 per cent of the land to the blacks and left 87 per cent of the land in the hands of the minority.

"Eighty per cent of the population (the blacks) can only get 30 per cent of the income, whereas, 17 per cent (the whites) get 64 per cent," said Pokela. "Our people are little different than slaves."

Before 1948, the South African

people attempted parliamentary change, but all their efforts were rejected. After 1948, the South African people felt it was necessary to initiate extra-parliamentary measures.

PAC was born on April 6, 1959 and was dedicated to a non-violent campaign for peace. "It was going to be the last demonstration. I the non-violent demonstration failed, we would close the door on a

peaceful solution," Pokela said.

"We told the world that it was going to be a non-violent campaign, but at every peaceful demonstration, our people died. We are now prepared for a protracted struggle, if necessary," he said.

Pokela pointed out that people in other countries can also have an effect on the fate of his nation.

"You, as students, must start now. You can play a role to educate your own people, to create a climate, and to contribute to the sum total of freedom. The struggle in Azania is one to free mankind," he said.

"You can play a role by persuading companies not to invest in South Africa. You can take your money out of banks that may be investing in South Africa," he added.

"If you ever fear darkness, you will never reach home and if you ever fear the future, you will never reach your destination. My people do not fear the future," he said.

McGill study break gets tentative go-ahead

by Brian Topp

Student representatives have succeeded in extracting a longer study break from a Senate sub-committee, but don't put off your term papers — the break will only be introduced in the winter 1983 semester.

The Senate scheduling and timetabling sub-committee has approved a version of the proposal put forward by student councillors Liz Ulin and Monica Schwalbe to establish a five-day study break during the winter semester.

Under the plan approved by the sub-committee, there will be a two-day study break in February during the winter 1983 semester, as is currently the case, and an additional three-day break in April.

"I would have preferred a five-day break in February, but there was no way it was going to happen, given the members of the committee," Ulin said yesterday.

"They felt the break would be more useful at the end of the academic term. They seemed to feel there would be less time for skiing, more time for studying," she said.

The proposal for a five-day break has been a Students' Society demand for some time. Ulin and Schwalbe presented the Senate sub-committee with a survey which demonstrated that a large majority of respondents favored an extended study break, even though it would mean the winter term would end slightly later in the year.

"What we got out of it was a

compromise," Ulin said. "Because students indicated that the two-day break was useful, we opted to keep it as it is. And we added three days at the end of term."

The proposal will now be forwarded from the Senate scheduling and timetabling sub-committee to the Senate committee on sessional dates. If approved there, it will go to Senate for final ratification. Ulin said that she expected the proposal to pass both hurdles.

Quebec "socialist movement" takes root

by Richard Flint

A group of people involved in the labor movement and the independence movement in Québec have launched a new political organization. Known as the "committee of one hundred" and led by ex-Confédération des Syndicats Nationaux (CSN) president Marcel Pepin, they have issued a manifesto calling for a "profound transformation of Québec society in the interests of the working and popular classes" and for "complete equality between men and women".

The Vice-President of the new "socialist movement," Raymond Laliberté, said, "We are for a democratic socialism, not a soviet style system" in a recent CBC radio interview.

Laliberté encapsulated the ideology of the movement by stating, "We believe that you cannot move towards socialism without independence, that you cannot have real independence without socialism."

"Solutions to the present crisis will not be found within the social and political program of the Parti Québécois", said Pepin when interviewed by *Le Devoir*, "the manifesto of the committee of one hundred proposes a complete break with the capitalist regime in a truly socialist and independent Québec."

Devoir...

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increased, and second, that the universities benefit from the increased tuition.

On behalf of the student body, Students' Council recently passed a motion supporting the idea of free tuition. The Students' Society executive committee is meeting with Principal Johnston and Vice-Principal (Planning) Stansbury today to discuss the administration's budget task force report released last week. It is expected that the executive committee will express disapproval of tuition fee increases.

"Independence", Pepin said, "would be not only political but equally economic."

The new movement is not a political party as such. Laliberté said that "our intention at the moment is to build ourselves up throughout Québec, there are no present plans to stand in the next election". The movement intends to "work in the unions and popular organisations to build our collective strength", said Laliberté.

But Pepin expressed "the possibility that the movement will

develop into a new political party in Québec" when interviewed by *Le Devoir*.

The committee of one hundred included a number of prominent labor leaders. Pepin was the leader of the CSN during the 1972 general strike and was imprisoned with the leaders of the other two main union centrals for contempt of court. Yvon Charbonneau, another prominent figure from the labor militancy of the early seventies, is also on the coordinating committee of the group.

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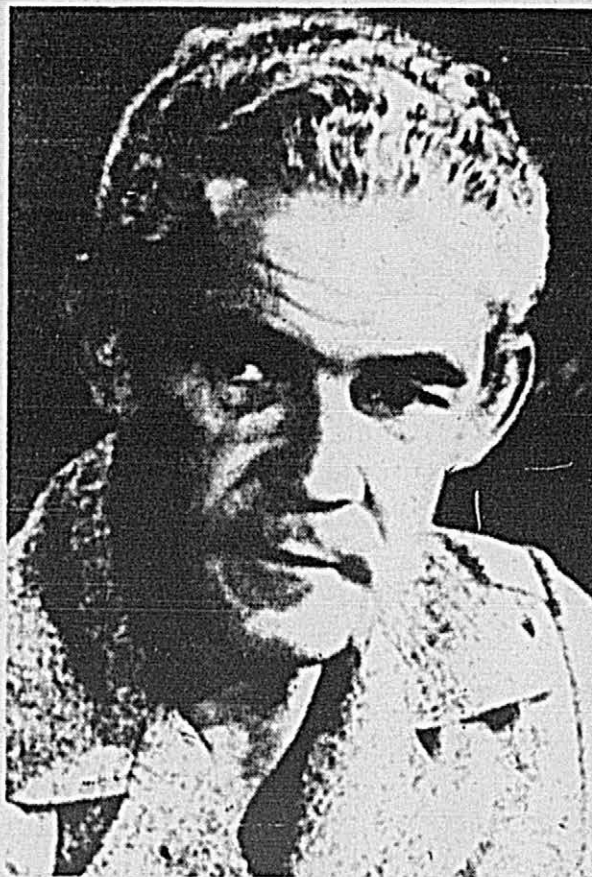
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A Great Debate today: ex V.P. University Affairs, Richard Flint will debate against V.P. finance, Brian Fish on the resolution: "The Student's society should be dissolved." See you in room 310 of the Union Bldg. at 12:00 for what will be an interesting fight.

Club Elections
All students' society interest, functional, political and religious groups are encouraged to register their delegate for the club elections (November 2) before Friday, October 30, 4:30 p.m. Club representatives to the Tribune Editorial Board and to the Students' Society Policy and Structural Review committees. Don't miss out!

Players' Theatre
Streamers by David Rabe at 8:00 p.m. 3rd floor Student Union Building. An anti-war, anti-military play for mature audiences. Tickets are \$3.50 for students and \$4.50 for general public. All tickets are \$4.50 on Friday and Saturday.
Performances continue Tuesday, October 27 through Saturday, October 31 with a 2:30 p.m. Saturday matinee.

McGill Outing Club:
Open meeting today at 7:30 pm in Union Building rm. 425. Elections (or volunteers) for the winter executive; information about trail clearing weekend (Oct. 31st - Nov. 1st), upcoming trips, more. Everyone Welcome.

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Meeting for all students affected by cutbacks (yoy) Purpose: to plan events for Nov. 4 day of protest. Students Society offices (room 104, University Center.) 5 o'clock.

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McGill Investment Association
Don't forget the general meeting tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Union Building, Room B-01.

NPD McGill
There will be a meeting of the discussion group tonight in the lounge of the Union Bldg. beginning at 6 o'clock. The topic for tonight: 'Collective Rights vs. Individual Rights - One More Time.'

DESA
DESA is sponsoring a reading by Swedish poet and nuclear activist Niklas Radstrom, today at 3:00 p.m. in the Arts Council Room. A rare opportunity to hear this poet.

ASUS President meeting
Meeting tonight for all President of departmental student associations within Arts and Science, 7:00 in room 310 Union Bldg. Budgets to be distributed. Last day for nominations for ASUS by-elections. One arts representative and 1 U1 member at large, pick up nomination forms in ASUS office room B-22, Union Bldg.

PSSA
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 (Monday, November 2nd,
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- Policy Review Committee
- Structural Review Committee
- Editorial Board of the McGill Tribune

Only clubs directly recognized by the McGill Students' Council are eligible to send a delegate to this meeting to be held on Monday, November 2nd at 5:30 p.m. in Union 302. Clubs must register the name of their delegate by using the registration form available at the Students' Society General Office. Registration forms must be submitted **NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30th**, to the attention of Leslie Copeland, Operations Secretary, 3480 McTavish, Room 105.

Keith Hennessy
 V.P., Internal Affairs
 McGill Students' Society



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The McGill Daily

"How many times must the cannonballs fly,
before they are forever banned?"
Bob Dylan

Students' Society: no one is perfect

The Students' Society has not been enjoying a very easy year.

Its business operations were rattled by the resignation/firing of food and beverage manager John Psiharis this summer. In September its business arm suffered another setback with the resignation of Society VP-Finance Salim Tharani. Last week VP-University Affairs Richard Flint bolted, printing a bitter (and eminently quotable) letter in the *Daily*.

Flint and VP-External Affairs Paul Smith sniped at executive director Ron Lerman over the summer over the process used to encourage Psiharis to resign, and newly-elected VP-Finance Brian Fish has signaled that there remain "questions" in his mind about the executive director's role in the Society.

The executive committee received black marks from Students Council earlier this fall because of an extraordinary contract it entered into with an entrepreneur to produce the Society's promotional publication, the *Tribune*. The contract provides that the Society pay a \$1000 penalty should it skip an issue, and allows the entrepreneur to retain any revenue raised from ad sales. Further, the Society will pay \$14,000 to produce the paper, at a time when the Society is in debt to McGill to the tune of almost a half-million dollars, a state of affairs which resulted in substantial cuts in club budgets this year.

More recently, an unsavory series of events took place within RAEU (Regroupement des Associations Etudiantes Universitaires), where one McGill delegation to a RAEU event voted in favor of public service strikes, and another McGill delegation to a different RAEU event voted against. Council decided at its last meeting to endorse the latter view, and has called the Society's membership in RAEU itself into question.

These and other events, occurring at once in an atmosphere of disorganization and directionlessness, have brought considerable criticism down on the heads of those, elected or otherwise, who are operating the Society.

Dissents which clearly have validity include:

- The Society's efforts to advocate the interests of students beyond seeing to it that they can get beer and food on campus have been uncertain and uninspired.

A coherent and active policy, which has some possibility of success by being linked to allies in other students' associations and in the labor movement, is called for to respond to upcoming tuition hikes and university budget cuts.

- The Society is not showing signs that it will follow up on a move, for which there seemed at one point to be a general consensus, towards a more democratic structure. The Society's constitution presently assigns all authority to a 29-member assembly which is not accountable to anyone or anything except on one day each year - election day. Council in turn delegates much of its authority to a six-member executive committee.

An unaccountable Council is open to influence and manipulation by members whose inclination or field of study provides them with demographic advantages over other members. The executive for its part is open to (and has shown signs of succumbing to) the influence and manipulation of a salaried, often self-interested bureaucracy.

Some sort of democratic check, certainly student-initiated referenda, perhaps general assemblies and other mechanisms, is called for to keep the Society anchored to its members, rather than drifting in a bureaucratic fog.

However, the need for a reordering of priorities and for democratization emphatically does not suggest, as some have proposed, that the Students' Society be dissolved or "overthrown".

The Students' Society is not as ludicrously divorced from its members as is being argued. Like it or not, students enjoy and expect such non-progressive initiatives as a pub, cafeterias, entertainment programming, clubs and organizations which have nothing to do with politics, blood drives, welcome week and even, God help us, activities of all kinds which are for fun, period.

The Society attempts to provide those things and tries to deal with the entrepreneurial bureaucracy and enormous cash flow they imply, because it understands that its members want them.

Students also want to resist paying double or quadruple tuition next year, hopefully not only because tuition hikes affect all of us, but because tuition hikes would be a development which would bar altogether students not so fortunate as to be born into wealthy families. Students want to do what they can to fight underfunding, which devalues the quality of education itself.

The Society is apparently incapable of responding to this second set of wants with anything like the coherence, energy, imagination and resources which have been devoted to its business operations, and that is why there must be new priorities and democratization.

For the time being the only formal avenue for reform is to be found during election time. A concrete effort aimed at realizable goals, more specifically aimed at the ballot box next March, would hold more hope of producing a Society which defends the interest of its members than futile calls to arms, aimed at an audience as improbable and invisible as the one this year's Council sometimes seems to be playing to.

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Letters

The cult of the CPC(ML) To the Daily:

A headline in the Monday, October 19 *Gazette* attributed to the *Gazette* News Service read "Police Break Up Clash Between Anti-Racists."

A week ago another wire service dispatch reported in the *Toronto Globe and Mail* "Anti-Racists Waspish." T.V. and radio reports were in the same vein.

They were describing separate incidents which recently occurred in Vancouver, both involving clashes between two rival "anti-racist" groups who supposedly beat each other up to the delight of the Ku Klux Klan, the original target of the demonstrators.

In order to make sense of these perplexing occurrences and in order not to indulge in what could prove to be a dangerously naive media distortion, a few thorough and searching questions should be asked.

Who were the rival anti-Klan groups involved? What is their history?

One of them, the British Columbia Organization to Fight Racism (BCOFR), was founded last year in B.C., in response to the growing violence and rhetoric of the KKK. Its chairperson is Charan Gill, a much respected Vancouver social worker who has run for public office as an NDP candidate. Its membership is broad-based, consisting of students, workers, lawyers and other professionals and it is supported by several religious and political institutions.

It is the other "group," the Peoples' Front Against Racist and Fascist Violence, that bears further scrutiny. Its membership is derived from the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) or CPC (ML), founded over a decade ago by lifelong Chairman Hardial Bains.

Over the years the CPC (ML) has

assumed various front names such as the East Indian Defence Committee, the Friends of Albania, the Peoples' Front Against Racist Violence and so on. Last year, seeing the success of the newly formed Canadian Farmworkers Union, the CPC (ML) launched its own rival farmworkers union — the General and Allied Workers Union. They were officially recognized by the Labour Relations Board despite having almost no following. The farmers were delighted at the developments for they could now play off one union against the other. But workers refused to leave the CFU and join the GAWU and the ruse temporarily failed. The CPC (ML) hit back with slogans and pamphlets denouncing the CFU for being "reformist collaborators." Some workers received death threats for refusing to co-operate with the GAWU.

Notwithstanding its various disguises the CPC (ML) is easily recognizable by its consistent use of ultra-left rhetoric such as "Death to the Racist Imperialists," "Death to the Capitalists," "Make the Rich Pay" as well as its use of street violence to gain its immediate objectives.

Its *modus operandi* is consistent. Wherever there are popular movements based on the real needs of a community and wherever these movements show signs of being effective, members of the CPC (ML) force their way to the forefront.

Using their placard sticks as clubs, clearing or bullying their way to the head, waving their huge banners at the T.V. cameras they grab the microphone away from designated speakers and scream their extremist epithets instead. Two of their recent victims are still in hospital in Vancouver — one with serious brain damage. Two others were released with broken arms.

If through these tactics the cult is able to wrest the leadership of a given movement, the movement quickly collapses under the weight of extremist rhetoric and provocative actions. The CPC (ML) then withdraws, seeking newer territory to infiltrate.

It is a matter of great concern that through absence of good investigative journalism, the Canadian media is failing to expose the public menace posed by the cult of the CPC (ML) and its various front groups.

Manjit Singh

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Hyde Park

Is there truth to the White Paper on El Salvador?

On February 23, 1981 the American government released a set of documents denouncing Communist intervention in El Salvador. These documents are known officially as "Communist interference in El Salvador", but more commonly referred to as "White Paper on El Salvador". Not everyone is ready to agree that Communists are involved in this Latin American country, and there are conflicting reports coming from the guerillas and the government.

The *Wall Street Journal* and The *Washington Post* have reported that Communist intervention is a disinformation campaign led by the U.S. administration to support its interests in El Salvador. In fact, the source of the articles in the *Journal* and the *Post* are related to Communist propaganda. Some convincing evidence has been published in the August and September 1981 issues of the *Midszenty Report* (A St. Louis, Missouri publication, by the Cardinal Midszenty Foundation, a non-profit group whose aim is to inform the public about Communist activities) and I wish to present the evidence here in a summary.

On June 8, 1981, *Wall Street Journal* reporter Jonathan Kwitney implied that the White Paper was filled with errors, and therefore the evidence of Soviet, Cuban and other Communist nations' involvement in supporting and arming El Salvador guerillas was suspect. Kwitney went on for nearly a whole page of the *Journal* asserting, that the El Salvador Paper "has served the Reagan administration well on the launching pad for its anti-Soviet foreign policy...its authors probably were making a determined effort to create a selling document, no matter how slim the background material."

Kwitney's story was partially based on a three hour interview with U.S. foreign service officer Jon Glassman, who obtained the El Salvador documents and analyzed most of them. Glassman subsequently said that statements attributed to him in the *Wall Street Journal* article were either false or

taken out of context to imply the opposite of what he had said in the interview.

On June 9, 1981 The *Washington Post* reported "factual errors, misleading statements and unresolved ambiguities" in describing the White Paper. The June issue of *Colombia Journalism Review* reported

clear: the media had fallen for a monumentally fake front page capturing a piece of U.S. disinformation.

Both writers, Kwitney of The *Wall Street Journal* and Kaiser of the *Washington Post*, acknowledged that they consulted Philip Agee's 46-page critique of the El Salvador



that the U.S. "pushover press" "fell into line" in accepting the White Paper story as news. The whole affair was part of a 'propaganda offensive' initiated by former CIA officer Cord Meyer in a January 23 column in the *Washington Star* that "created no stir" until the same information was "leaked" to Juan de Onis of The *New York Times* on February 6. Their message was

Documents released on April 9, 1981 at a Washington news conference. In fact both the *Journal* and the *Post* articles bore startling resemblances to Agee's critique of April 9.

In an interview with the *Los Angeles Examiner*, Philip Agee stated "You may have seen news dispatches during February and as recently as a couple of weeks ago in

The *Wall Street Journal* and the *Washington Post*. All this reporting was based on my analysis of the State Department White Paper in which I found errors in translation, I found fabrications, I found inventions. I found gross distortions and embellishments and conclusions with no basis in the documentation."

Who is Philip Agee? Perhaps the most famous CIA defector in the agency's history. "I aspire to be a Communist and a revolutionary," he said in a June 1975 article in *Esquire* magazine. Thrown out of Britain, France, the Netherlands and Norway, Agee now resides in Hamburg, Germany. On June 29, 1981 the U.S. Supreme court upheld the right of the U.S. government to deny Agee an American passport on the ground that he is a danger to the national security of the U.S. and its allies. According to police reports Agee's first contact with the KGB goes as far back as 1964 where he met Vitaly Somonov in Uruguay. Somonov was later in charge of Cuban intelligence in Havana. In 1969 Agee defected from the CIA in Mexico City and later turned up in Havana to take advantage of 'research facilities' to write his anti-CIA book.

In recent interviews with acting archbishop of San Salvador, Rev. Arturo Rivera y Damas blamed left wing guerillas for rousing more hardship than the government or the right. He stated, "The people have abandoned the guerillas because of their signs of Communism, because of their sabotage and because the majority of the displaced are not ones who have been displaced by the government."

In conclusion one may see that the articles written in the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Washington Post* stem from communist sources and that the White Paper on El Salvador may hold the facts about the situation in this Latin American country.

Robert Chartrand

McPIRG constitution belongs on the shelf—Guy Knowles

The *Daily's* recent editorial entitled 'PIRG Shelved Wrongly' was based upon two entirely mistaken assumptions.

The first assumption was that the "problems with the (PIRG) process were too minor to justify delaying a referendum on the question."

The most serious flaw in the PIRG proposal was with respect to their funding. PIRG is proposing a refundable levy of \$2.50 per term to be both collected and refunded by the University. While the refund is an excellent idea, the mechanics of either collecting or refunding the money did not merely have problems for in fact they were non-existent. The University had only to be asked to discover it was not interested in becoming the book-keeper for various independent student organizations. This is a major reason behind any University reluctance to see the *Daily* become independent, for the University is afraid of being responsible for the accounting for a growing number of 'independent' student organizations which nonetheless wish to have their fees collected for them by the University. people on the *Daily*, which is in the process of becoming an autonomous incorporated body, should have been aware of this and yet evidently are not. PIRG has had over a year to discover this and has not bothered.

The refund, which is to be conducted by the University, must according to the proposed PIRG constitution merely be made before the end of term. Thus a student who decides in September that he does not want to support PIRG would have to wait until December, four months, for the return of his

money; and having once already decided have to pay again in January and then wait another five months for another refund in May. Apparently this could continue for the entire time a student is at McGill.

Even assuming that McGill is willing to conduct this complicated operation, no-one at PIRG considered the very likely possibility that McGill would charge for this service and more than likely charge a great deal. The representative that PIRG sent to Council considered all of these points mere "technicalities." Apparently they were not even aware that the name "McGill" is copyrighted by the University and that it can be used only with the University's permission. It is by no means a foregone conclusion that this permission will be granted. Any use of the McGill name in this fashion would likely have to be approved by Senate, while any change in the fee structure definitely has to be approved by the Board of Governors. While the *Daily* or PIRG might consider these to be mere technicalities, anyone who has bothered to sound out either of these bodies will know better.

We are therefore left with a proposal to create an independent, funded organization which has no means of raising its money, which will likely not be recognized by the University and which does not even have a name. Nonetheless the *Daily* believes that Council was "undemocratic" in refusing to allow a referendum to be held on this unworkable proposal. However if the referendum had been held would the *Daily* have informed students of these problems, problems it dismissed as mere "logistics"? I think not.

The second assumption of the editorial was that Council has "no business in amending the constitution of a club except to ascertain that the document does not conflict with the regulations of the University and the principles of the Students' Society".

According to the constitution of the McGill Students' Society, article 4.1, "The governing authority of the Students' Society of McGill University shall be vested in the McGill Students' Council". Among the objects or goals of the Students' Society, which Council is obliged to follow and uphold, are the following: Art. 2.1, "To promote the welfare and interests of members of the Society", and Art. 2.3, "To represent the membership as required".

Essentially the *Daily* is claiming that Council no right to delay the PIRG proposal regardless of its merits. I fail to see how it is in the interests of McGill students to conduct a referendum on a proposal so incomplete that at best any result could only be called approval or disapproval in principle. The funding procedure is so crucial to this proposal that any approval would be meaningless because of its unworkability; disapproval on the other hand could be attributed not to ehf act that students did not want PIRG, but while wanting it, could not accept it until these problems were solved.

Furthermore, since the proposed funding method cannot work, even if the proposal had been approved any alternative funding method would have to be resubmitted to the students in another referendum. How can it promote the welfare of students to pay for

two expensive referenda when one later one would do?

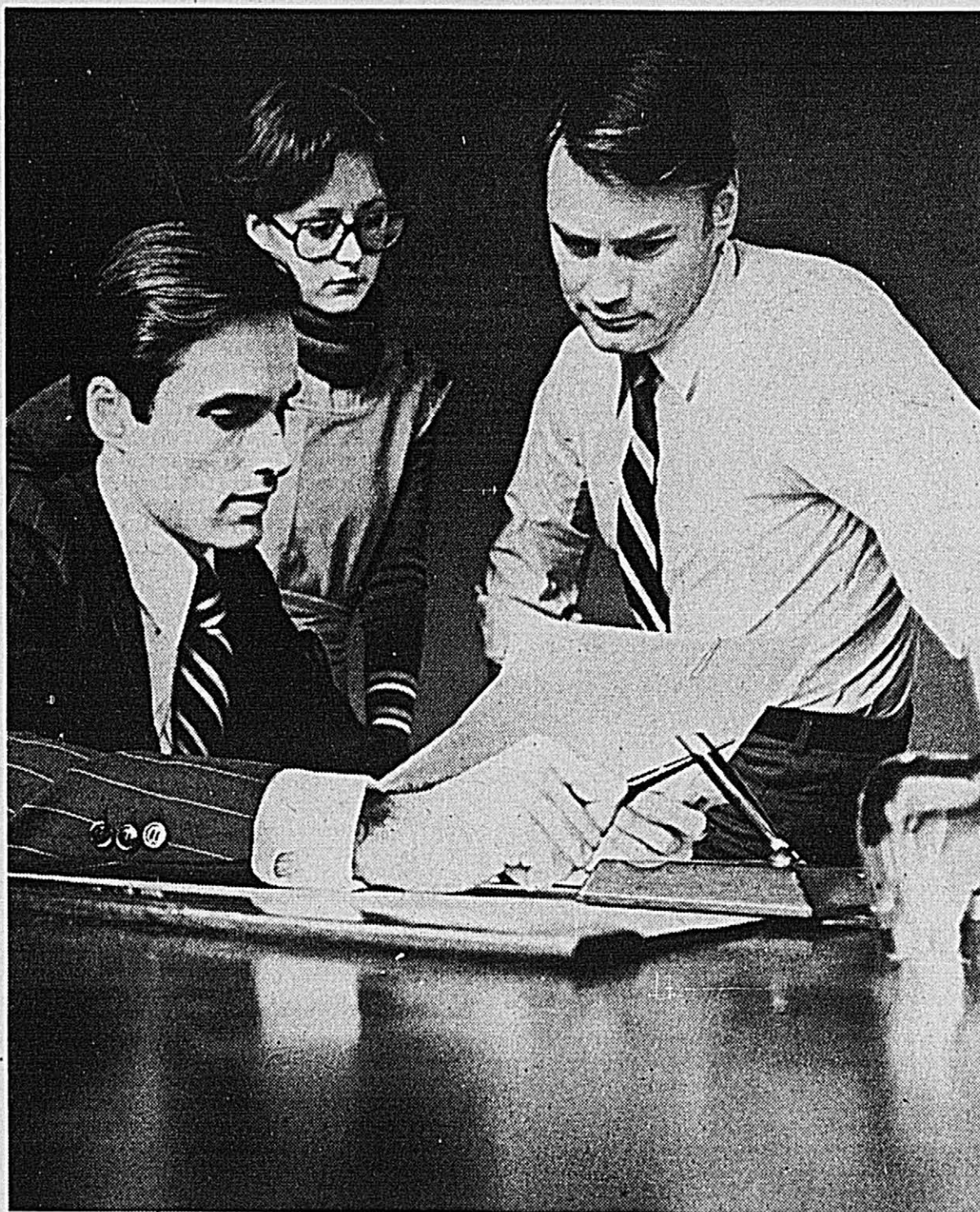
It is Council's job to represent the student body. Council has the time, resources and the experience to deal with complicated issues of this nature. If the referendum had been held it is not reasonable to have expected every voting student to have plowed through all of the various motions, draft constitutions and proposed constitutions relating to PIRG. Moreover the *Daily* is the source of information relied upon by most students and yet it has not seen fit to discuss any of the problems with the PIRG proposal that Council found too serious to ignore. Indeed the *Daily* thinks they should be ignored. How then would students ever have found out about them?

In short, where the *Daily* accuses Council of being "authoritarian", Council is in fact representing students; while the *Daily* claims that Council is trying to maintain "a monopoly on the student body's decision making", Council is in fact doing its best to promote the true welfare and interests of the student body. Apparently Council, a far more representative body than the *Daily*, will be 'undemocratic' whenever it is doing its job. I think the *Daily* has a way to go yet before it can start giving lessons in democracy.

Guy Knowles
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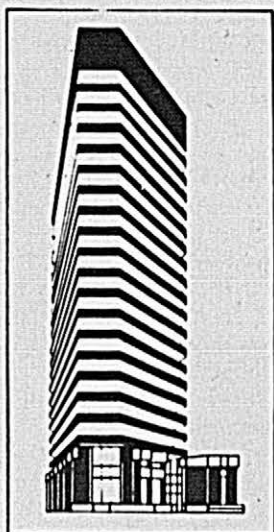
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